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Three companies seek Corps of Engineers permit to place fill material to construct road, dewater Miller Pond in Waterford

CONCORD, Mass. – Three applicants, Miller Pond LLC, Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority, and Waterford County School, Inc., are seeking a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct work in waters of the United States in conjunction with constructing a mining haul access road and dewatering Miller Pond in Waterford, Conn.

The purpose of the proposed work is the mining extraction of up to 1.2 million cubic yards of sand and gravel earth product.

The applicants propose to construct a mining haul access road with fill in waters or wetlands from Unger Road/Moxley Road to Miller Pond, and to dewater the existing 77.9-acre Miller Pond, construct temporary, but long-term (approximately 10 years) diversion channels for Hunts Brook and Sandy Brook around the pond and the existing dam, stockpile excavated materials for processing within the dewatered pond, construct a temporary haul road within the dewatered basin and install riprap stabilization within the pond and downstream of the existing dam in order to allow for the excavation of up to 1.2 million cubic yards of marketable gravel products.

The activity will also expand the size and depth of the existing aquatic resource for future use as a consumptive water supply reservoir. The work is proposed in Hunts and Sandy Brooks, 122 R Old Colchester Road in Waterford.

The proposed work includes the permanent and temporary discharges of dredged or fill material below ordinary high water within Miller Pond, Hunts Brook, Sandy Brook and in inland wetlands abutting these waters in association with the mining of marketable gravel products. Permanent fill will be placed in inland wetlands over a 2,720-square-foot area for installation of culverts associated with upgrade of the existing access road. Temporary fill will be placed below the pond's current ordinary high water elevation of 86 feet for construction of a 406-linear-foot access road, 2.4 acres of stockpiled materials, 1.06 acre of stone and gravel fill for sedimentation basins, energy dissipaters and level spreaders.

The work will include the enlargement of Miller Pond from 77.9 acres to 85.8 acres in surface area and the deepening of the waterbody from 15 feet to 46 feet. In order to accomplish the proposed project, it will be dewatered by opening the existing 24-inch dam culvert to expose the lake bottom.

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After the pond is dewatered, temporary diversion channels constructed during summer low flow will carry the flows for Hunts Brook (7.4-square-mile watershed area) and Sandy Brook (2.6-square-mile watershed area) around the outside of the excavation area.

Due to the large scale of the project, a full-size set of project plans will be made available for viewing in the public libraries of the towns of Montville, Waterford, and East Lyme, Conn.

The application for the federal permit was filed with the Corps of Engineers in compliance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, which regulates the discharge or fill of material in United States waters, including wetlands. The public notice can be viewed on the Corps website at <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil>. Select Regulatory/Permitting and then weekly public notices.

Public comments on the Corps permit review (File # NAE-2006-3890) should be forwarded no later than Oct. 21, 2010 to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, Regulatory Division (ATTN: Cori Rose), 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742-2751. Additional information is available from Permit Project Manager Cori Rose at 978-318-8306 or toll free 800-343-4789 or 800-362-4367 (if calling from within Massachusetts) or by email to: cori.m.rose@usace.army.mil.

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